GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:386
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
UNIFORM RATE OF ENTERTAINMENT TAX
Chouhan Shri Shivraj Singh;Kamat Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring Cinema in the concurrent list of the Constitution to have a uniform rate of entertainment tax throughout the country;

(b) If so, whether the views of the State Governments have been ascertained;

(c) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and

(d) the time by which the bill in this regard is likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.386 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.4.2005.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d): The issue of bringing cinema to the Concurrent List was one of the items taken up for discussion during the 24th State Information Ministers` Conference (SIMCON) held in 2001. After extensive consultations it has not been felt necessary to pursue the matter further.